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SUBJECT: BRITISH APPROACH RE ICC

1. UK EMBOFF CALLED ON DEPTOFF APRIL 5 FOR YET ANOTHER DISCUSSION RE US VIEWS ON REACTIVATION ICC/LAOS. HE SHOWED COPY OF A CABLE WHICH GENERALLY NEGATIVE AND LEANING TOWARDS CANADIAN VIEWS ON USELESSNESS ICC, DOUBTS REGARDING SOURCE OF FUNDING AND LEGALITY OF ICC UNDER 1973 LAO ACCORDS.

2. IN REPLY, DEPTOFF REAFFIRMED US SUPPORT FOR ICC AND ALSO STRESSED OUR HOPE THAT IT MIGHT ASSIST IN MIA WORK, AS WELL AS MAINTAIN WORLD ATTENTION ON LAOS SITUATION. WE CONTINUE FEEL THAT TIMING OF PRESENT CANADIAN MOVE MOST UNFORTUNATE, THAT SOVIET AND PATHET LAO WANT ICC AND THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING CO-CHAIRMEN, SHOULD DO EVERYTHING TO SUPPORT PEACE IN LAOS. DEPTOFF STATED THAT EMBASSY
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VIENTIANE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED URGE SOUVANNA PHOUMA TO MAKE

STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT IN FAVOR CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICC.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, UK EMBOFF STATED HE WOULD SEND IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO LONDON EMPHASIZING THE POSITIVE WHICH REFLECTS HIS EMBASSY'S VIEWS, AS WELL AS OURS. RUSH

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